

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Schmit has committee amendments.

SENATOR MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator....

CLERK: I have to read the title. Read title to LB 818. The bill was first read on January 11, 1978. It was referred to the Agriculture and Environment Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments, by Senator Schmit's Ag and Environment Committee, pending.

SENATOR MARVEL: You ready to read the amendments? Senator Schmit, do you wish to have the committee amendments adopted?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move the adoption of the committee amendments. Then I will explain the....

SENATOR MARVEL: Is there a second to the motion? It's been moved and seconded that the committee amendments to 818 be adopted. Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments...there are several internal references, but the principle committee amendment is this, where the original bill contained a deposit of 5 cents on returnables and 10 cents on nonreturnables, the committee made a uniform deposit of 5 cents on each. That is the only basic committee amendment which is of substance. I move for the adoption. I will be glad to discuss it if anyone has any questions. We felt, in the committee, that a uniform deposit, which is in line with what the petition drive is asking for, was something which the people of Nebraska would accept. We felt that perhaps the variable deposit, which was in the original language of the bill, might be detrimental, exceedingly detrimental to one industry. We felt it was best not to proceed in that manner. Therefore, we provided for a uniform deposit, feeling that this would serve the basic intent of those individuals who do sincerely support a deposit on cans and bottles.

SENATOR MARVEL: Is there any further discussion on the committee amendments to 818? Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: A question of Senator Schmit, if I might please. Senator Schmit, with your new amendment on there what is the fiscal impact to the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHMIT: You mean to the State of Nebraska, the government of the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well I'll look it up. Just a minute.

SENATOR DUIS: It's around \$200,000 for the original, but I was wondering what it was for your amended version.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Duis, the Fiscal Office says around \$37,000.

SENATOR DUIS: Look at the backside of it. I think where the Liquor Commission....